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1. FOLLWOING ARE FURTHER MOROCCAN REACTIONS TO THE ISRAELI BOMBING OF IRAQ'S NUCLEAR FACILITIES:
2. MOROCCAN RADIO AND PRESS REPORTS JUNE 9-10 THAT KING HASSAN II HAS SENT A MESSAGE TO IRAQI PRESIDENT SADDAM HUSSEIN, STRESSING MOROCCAN-IRAQI SOLIDARITY AND STATING HIS DISPOSITION TO PROVIDE MOROCCAN ASSISTANCE (UNSPECIFIED) TO IRAQ.
3. THE MOROCCAN NEWS AGENCY CARRIED GOM FONMIN BOUCETTA'S CONDEMNATION OF THE ISRAELI ACTION: "IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE ZIONIST RAID AGAINST THE IRAQI NUCLEAR RESEARCH CENTER, M'HAMED BOUCETTA, MINISTER OF STATE IN CHARGE
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OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND COOPERATION, HAS EXPRESSED HIS PROFOUND INDIGNATION OVER THE BARBAROUS AND TREACHEROUS AGGRESSION OF THE ZIONIST FORCES AGAINST AN IRAQI NUCLEAR FACILITY--WHICH CONSTITUTES A CRIMINAL AND PROVOCATIVE ACT. --"MR. BOUCETTA EXPRESSED THE SOLIDARITY OF MOROCCO--ITS KING, GOVERNMENT, AND PEOPLE--WITH BROTHERLY IRAQ AND MOROCCO'S SUPPORT FOR THE IRAQI STRUGGLE AGAINST THE FORCES OF EVIL, TREASON, AND AGGRESSION."
4. IN A LENGTHY EDITORIAL ON JUNE 10, ENTITLED "MISCALCULATIONS", "L'OPINION" (THE ISTIQLAL PARTY DAILY) SAID THAT THE ISRAELI RAID "FORCE THE HAND OF THE US." ISRAEL HAS SHOWN THAT "...IT TAKES INTO CONSIDERATION NEITHER THE ADVICE NOR THE WARNINGS (OF THE US) AND THAT IT HAS FIRMLY DECIDED TO PREVENT BY EVERY AVAILABLE MEANS ANY ARAB-AMERICAN RAPPROCHEMENT." AMERICA, ACCORDING TO THE EDITORIAL, IS CONFRONTED WITH AN UNHAPPY CHOICE THAT IT CAN NO LONGER DODGE. "THE ISRAELIS

HAVE USED AMERICAN ARMAMENTS AND BOMBED A CIVILIAN TARGET IN A COUNTRY....WITH WHICH WASHINGTON WAS TRYING TO IMPROVE RELATIONS. HENCEFORTH, THE WHITE HOUSE CAN NO LONGER MAINTAIN THAT SOVIET PENETRATION IS THE ESSENTIAL DANGER THREATENING THE ARAB WORLD." THE EDITORIAL CONCLUDES WITH THE FOLLOWING WARNING: "THE ARAB WORLD MUST FORCE THE US AND EUROPE TO FACE UP TO THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES AND TO MAKE THE DECISIONS WHICH CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRE. IT HAS THE MEANS TO DO SO." SEBASTIAN

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